

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Dec 2023 at 03:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather up to Christmas. Lower confidence for a window of drier, brighter, less windy weather on Boxing Day.

Headline for Saturday 23 Dec 2023: Cloudy. Persistent rain, heaviest in west. Windy and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Low Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times. The heaviest rain will be over Glencoe and Lochaber. Rain becoming lighter, patchy over Trossachs later in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in morning then 30% mainly east of area.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally misty conditions with poor visibility in rain and cloud. Also extensive clouds well down the hills. Good visibility developing in east of area in afternoon in any drier spells, with clouds possibly lifting above some of the lower tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	51/60 W	54/64 W	57/70 W	56/70 SW	46/58 SW	42/54 SW	41/52 SW
900	35/44 W	35/45 W	37/48 W	37/49 W	31/43 SW	29/40 SW	30/40 SW
600	40/48 W	40/49 SW	42/54 W	42/54 SW	35/46 SW	32/43 SW	30/41 SW
300	20/28 W	20/29 W	24/36 W	21/33 SW	20/31 SW	19/29 SW	17/27 SW
Glen	13/29 W	14/31 W	18/38 W	17/35 SW	14/29 SW	14/28 SW	13/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	2/-7	3/-6	4/-5	4/-5	4/-4	5/-3	4/-3
900	4/-3	5/-2	6/-1	6/-1	6/-0	6/1	6/1
600	6/-0	7/1	8/2	8/2	8/2	8/3	8/3
300	8/4	9/5	9/5	9/6	9/5	10/6	10/6
Glen	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	1600m	1800m	2100m	2000m	2100m	2400m	2100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold. Even with less cold air, it will still be wet with strong winds. Also difficult underfoot conditions.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Dec 2023

Weather: A drier and brighter day with scattered rain showers, most frequent over west Argyll and Lochaber. It will become very windy with difficult walking conditions once again.

Maximum wind: Westerly gales with severe gales on the tops, average speeds 40 to 50mph with gusts 60 to 70mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best over Trossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility between showers with occasional cloud cover 700 to 900m. Reductions to poor visibility as showers pass by, clouds more extensive down to 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius falling to plus 3 Celsius by evening.

Freezing level: Above tops for much of the day, lowering to 1100m after dark,